

Policy Statement 25–1 (New)

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- (1) **Assisting taxpayers who report they are victims of identity theft:** The Internal Revenue Service shall take the necessary steps to provide assistance to victims of identity theft within the scope of their official duties. Where appropriate, the Internal Revenue Service shall encourage victims to report instances of identity theft to other Federal agencies. The Internal Revenue Service recognizes the need for consistency across its functions to ensure the timely resolution of taxpayer account issues stemming from the identity theft. In addition, identity theft victims shall be advised of the impact, if any, on their future filing requirements.
- (2) Appropriate Federal agencies to report instances of identity theft may include the Federal Trade Commission (1-877-438-4338 or <http://www.ftc.gov/>) and the Social Security Administration (1-800-772-1213 or <http://www.ssa.gov/>).